GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

ESTABLISHMENT – FOREST DEPARTMENT – Sri B.Somaiah, Assistant Beat Officer, Kuturu of Bhadrachalam (South) Division – Brutally attacked by the timber Smugglers while on duty and subsequently expired – Payment of ex-gratia and other benefits to the bereaved family of deceased Asst. Beat Officer – Sanction – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 39

Dated: 06-03-2014.
Read the following:-

- 1. G.O.Ms.No.30, G.A. (SC.C) Dept., dt.1.2.1996.
- 2. G.O.Ms.No.348, GA (SC.A) Dept., dt.12.11.2003
- 3. From the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.43516/2012/X2(i), dt.29.10.2013.

ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad, has reported that Sri B.Somaiah, Asst. Beat Officer, Kuturu of Bhadrachalam (South) Division, has expired on 8.12.2012 due to the brutal attack of smugglers while on duty and while trying to prevent illegal smuggling of teak timber on the intervening night of 10.11.2012. The offenders who were involved in the assault case No.45/2012 dt.10.11.2012 have been arrested and produced before the 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Court at Bhadrachalam and the case is under trial in the court. He has further reported that the deceased Asst. Beat Officer, was a reliable and duty minded forest officer, who had shown much courage while discharging his duties and sacrificed his life and his name has been included in Forest Martyr's list. He has left behind a widow and two children. He belongs to Tribal Community and the family members are fully dependent on him. Further, the District Collector, Khammam provided employment to the son of the deceased employee as Junior Assistant in the O/o. the District Education Officer, Khammam vide proc. Dt.22.12.2012.

- 2. The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests has requested the Government to sanction all the benefits as per the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.30, Gen.Admn. (SC.C) Dept., dated: 01.02.1996 and the ex-gratia amount of Rs.9.00 lakhs to the bereaved family as per G.O.Ms.No.348, Gen.Admn. (SC.A) Dept., dated: 12.11.2003, since the Asst. Beat Officer is equivalent to the rank of Constable except providing employment to the spouse/children as it is already provided by the District Collector, Khammam.
- 3. After careful consideration of the case, Government hereby accord for sanction of the following relief measures to the bereaved family of Sri B.Somaiah, Asst. Beat Officer, who was brutally attacked by the timber smugglers while on duty and subsequently expired, as per the orders issued vide G.O. $1^{\rm st}$ read above and also for sanction of an ex-gratia amount of Rs.9.00 lakhs (Rupees nine lakhs) as per G.O. $2^{\rm nd}$ read above.
 - 1. Last Pay drawn by the deceased official shall be paid to the spouse till the date of superannuation of the deceased official. In case of death/remarriage of the spouse. The legal heir of the deceased official will get the last pay drawn till the date of superannuation of the deceased official.
 - 2. The family of the deceased official shall be paid House Rent Allowance based on the last pay drawn.

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- 3. Medical facilities shall be provided to the dependent family members of the deceased official on par with serving Government employees.
- 4. House site shall be assigned, as per eligibility, to the family of the deceased official by the District Collector concerned.
- 4. The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad shall draw the enhanced Ex-gratia amount, from the relevant Head of Account, and arrange payment to the family of the deceased Government.
- 5. The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.
- 6. This order is issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expr.M&F) Department, vide their U.O.No.5633/28/A2/Expr.M&F/14, Dated: 1.3.2014.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.SAMUEL SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The legal heir of Late B.Somaiah, Asst. Beat Officer,

through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.
The District Treasury Officer concerned.
Finance (Expr.M&F) Department.
General Administration (SC.A) Department.
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